| 1 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 13a. Kerala | 429 | 411 | 18 |
| 13b. Lakshadweep | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| 14a. Tamil Nadu | 765 | 672 | 93 |
| 14b. Puducherry | 20 | 15 | 5 |
| IS. Madhya Pradesh | 1221 | 911 | 310 |
| 16. Orissa | 484 | 394 | 90 |
| 17. Bihar | 1361 | 820 | 541 |
| 18a. Punjab | 328 | 270 | 58 |
| 18b. Haryana | 308 | 240 | 68 |
| 18c. Chandigarh | 20 | 20 | 0 |
| 19. Rajasthan | 820 | 684 | 136 |
| 20. Sikkim | 15 | 9 | 6 |
| 21. Uttarakhand | 266 | 132 | 134 |
| TOTAL: | 15672 | 12439 | 3233 |

**Guidelines for Public Interest Litigations**

381. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

whether the Supreme Court of India has framed any guidelines for entertaining Public Interest Litigations;

if so, the types of petitions which can be entertained in the apex court under the guidelines;

whether Government has been consulted in the matter; and

if not, whether it was not mandatory under the provisions of the Constitution and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) Information is being collected from the Registry of the Supreme Court and would be laid on the Table of the House.

**Setting up of Mobile Courts**

382. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

whether in a move to take justice to the doorsteps of people, Government has decided to take forward the proposal to set up mobile courts at the panchayat level across the country to establish a quick and efficient system of judiciary at the grassroot level;

if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken;

the number of magistrates required to head these courts; and

whether setting up of these mobile courts would also help in reducing considerable number of pending cases in subordinate judiciary?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A Bill for establishing Gram Nyayalayas is pending before Rajya Sabha. The State Governments will be consulted before bringing into force the provisions of this enactment. Presiding Officers to these courts will be appointed by the concerned State Governments in consultation with the respective High Courts.

(d)Yci,'Sir.

**Provision for speedy justice**

†383. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister, of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

the decisions taken to provide speedy justice to the people in the conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of High Courts held in Delhi in May, 2007;

whether Government proposes to introduce two shifts in the lower courts;

if so, the details thereof; and

whether Government would increase the number of fast track courts also so that large number of cases are disposed off faster?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) A Conference of Chief Ministers of the States and the Chief Justices of the High Courts was held in Delhi on 8th April 2007. A copy of the Minutes of the Conference, indicating the different issues discussed and decisions taken thereon is enclosed as statement *{See* below).

(b) and (c) The matter is being studied with the State Governments and the High Courts.

(d) There is no such proposal. However, the Government have taken a decision to set up Gram Nyayalayas to afford speedy and inexpensive justice.

***Statement***

*Copy of the Minutes of the Conference held on 8th April,* 2007

CONFERENCE OF THE CHIEF MINISTERS OF STATES AND THE CHIEF JUSTICES OF THE HIGH COURTS

(APRIL 8,2007)

ON

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE ON FAST TRACK

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.